

armies in Spain, so that you can be ready to start on the night of Tuesday to Wednesday.

21st, Dresden:

I arrived here day before yesterday with the Empress, and the Emperor and Empress of Austria. I expect to remain several days. My whole army is on the Vistula. As yet there are no new developments. Hostilities have not yet begun.

26th. I may possibly open war operations on the 6th of June, without being at war, however, as I shall have six or eight days' marching in the territory of Prussia and the Grand Duchy.

June 5th, Thorn:

(To General Clarke.) It would seem that people in Paris view the army as the end of all things, and try to find excuses for not joining. Recall all officers on leave and send them to the front.

The fortress of Thorn appears to be in a state of anarchy.

The Guard is concentrating here. I expect to parade it to-morrow, to settle some questions of administration, and to push on to Marienberg and Dantzic.

6th. (To Jerome.) I believe I have already told you how best to open the campaign: first, make a show of entering*Volhynia, and hold the enemy there as much as possible while I outmarch them on their extreme right, and gain twelve or fifteen days' march in the direction **of** St. Petersburg. I shall cross the Niemen and take Vilna, which is the first objective of the campaign.

When our manoeuvre is unmasked, the enemy will